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In re Application of	:	
Hasegawa et al.	:	DECISION ON
Application No.: 09/530136	:	
PCT No.: PCT/JP98/04815	:	REQUEST FOR
Int. Filing Date: 23 October 1998	:	
Priority Date: 27 October 1997	:	CORRECTED
Attorney's Docket No.: 1163-0271P	:	
For: Image Coding Apparatus, Image Coding Method,	:	FILING RECEIPT
Image Decoding Apparatus & Image Making	:	

This is in response to applicants' "Request for Corrected Filing Receipt" filed on 05 December 2000.

### **BACKGROUND**

Applicants filed this international application on 23 October 1998, and claimed an earliest priority date of 27 October 1997. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 06 May 1999. A Demand electing the United States was filed on 07 May 1999, which was prior to the elapse of 19 months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month time period to pay the basic national fee in the United States expired as of midnight on 27 April 2000.

On 27 April 2000, applicants filed a Transmittal Letter accompanied by, *inter alia*, an executed declaration of the inventors and the required basic national fee.

On 11 July 2000, a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed to applicants.

Applicants filed the instant "Request For A Corrected Official Filing Receipt" on 05 December 2000.

### **DISCUSSION**

Review of the record reveals that the published international application and the executed

declaration filed on 27 April 2000 both named Kohtaro Asai as the fourth listed inventor, whereas the official filing receipt listed "Hohtaro Asai." It would be appropriate to correct the filing receipt to correctly identify the fourth inventor as "Kohtaro Asai."

Review of the record further reveals that four independent claims (1, 10, 17 and 19) were present in the application on 27 April 2000, rather than one as indicated on the official filing receipt. Accordingly, it would be appropriate to correct the filing receipt to correctly identify the number of independent claims as "4."

**DECISION**

The request for a corrected filing receipt is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing, including the preparation and mailing of a corrected filing receipt. The filing receipt will be corrected to show "Kohtaro Asai" as the fourth listed inventor, and "4" as the number of independent claims.



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